




# Department Policy & Procedure

Subject:	<b>Vehicle Access and Parking within Golden Gardens Park</b>	Number	060-P 7.20
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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To establish rules for vehicle access on roadways and into parking lots located within Golden Gardens Park.

## 2.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED

- 2.1 Seattle Parks and Recreation
- 2.2 Seattle Police Department
- 2.3 Citizens and organizations using Golden Gardens Park

## 3.0 REFERENCES

- 3.1 **Section 18.12.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code:** “The Superintendent shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The Superintendent may, in accordance with the Administrative Code, adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations consistent with this Park Code in order to manage and control the park and recreation system of the City...”
- 3.2 Section 18.12.275 of the Seattle Municipal Code: “It is unlawful to use a park or conduct an activity or hold an event in any park for which a permit is required by this chapter or by rules of the Superintendent without first obtaining a permit from the Superintendent.”
- 3.3 Section 18.12.278 of the Seattle Municipal Code: “A. The Superintendent may, by delivering an exclusion notice in person to the offender, exclude from a City park zone or zones, anyone who within a City park: 1. Violates any provision with this chapter; or 2. Violates any park rule as defined in section 18.12.030; or 3. Violates any provision of the Seattle Municipal Code or Revised Code of Washington. The offender need not be charged, tried, or convicted of any crime or infraction in order for an exclusion notice to be issued or effective. The exclusion may be based upon observation by the Superintendent or upon the sort of civilian reports that would ordinarily be relied on by police officers in the determination of probable cause.”
- 3.4 Section 18.12.070 of the Seattle Municipal Code: “It is unlawful for any person except a duly authorized Department of Parks and Recreation or other City employee in the performance of his or her duties, or other person duly authorized pursuant to the law, to enter or go upon any area which has been designated and posted by the superintendent as a ‘no admittance’ or ‘no trespassing’ area for the purpose of protecting the environment or for the purpose of protecting the public from condition which constitute a potential hazard to life or physical well-being.”
- 3.5 Section 18.12.200 of the Seattle Municipal Code: “It is unlawful to ride, propel, drive or direct any animal or motorized vehicle over or through any park except along and upon the park drives, pathways and park boulevards, or to do so at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit, or to do so in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour where no speed limit is posted.”
- 3.6 Section 18.12.210 of the Seattle Municipal Code: “Except as authorized by the Superintendent, it is unlawful to drive or operate a non-City vehicle in any park or in any area therein which is designated as being closed to general vehicular traffic access, and which is so posted.”
- 3.7 Section 18.12.235 of the Seattle Municipal Code: “A. It is unlawful to drive or ride in or on any motor vehicle or animal, other than a City-owned service or emergency vehicle or horse of the Police Department Mounted Patrol, in any park when the park is not open to the public, or when the park, roadway, or parking

- 3.8 lot is, by order of the Superintendent, closed to entry or use by motor vehicles, except on a street serving as necessary access through such park to a residential or commercial area. B. It is unlawful to park or leave a motor vehicle unattended in any park during hours when the park is not open to the public, or when the park, roadway, or parking lot is, by order of the Superintendent, closed to entry or use by motor vehicles, except pursuant to a permit issued by the Department. Vehicles parked or left unattended in violation of this section are hereby declared to be a nuisance and may be impounded in accordance with the provisions of the Traffic Code providing for impoundment with or without citation and without prior notice to the owner. C. The prohibitions contained in this section shall not apply to a vehicle driven or parked, as the case may be, by a person participating in an activity either conducted by the Department or conducted pursuant to the terms of a permit issued by the Department.

#### 4.0 POLICY

- 4.1 It is the policy of Seattle Parks and Recreation to define rules for vehicle access and parking within Golden Gardens Park.

#### 5.0 DEFINITIONS

- 5.1 Space Reserved

#### 6.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1 Anyone entering Golden Gardens Park is responsible for following the rules.
- 6.2 For an exception to the rules, park users must have in their immediate possession a Seattle Parks and Recreation document granting such exception and any other necessary or requested legal permits issued by other governmental agencies or organizations.
- 6.3 Seattle Parks and Recreation staff may monitor parking areas and roadways within Golden Gardens Park for parking availability and traffic congestion, and may close them to additional motor vehicles as needed to protect public safety and preserve access to authorized users such as (but not limited to) permitted or disabled/handicapped users, and public safety vehicles.
- 6.4 Seattle Parks and Recreation staff may direct vehicles within the park to prevent them from entering areas where parking is no longer available or otherwise restricted.
- 6.5 Seattle Police is the City agency responsible for enforcing the Seattle Municipal Code and removing from the park users in violation of the rules.

#### 7.0 RULES

- 7.1 The Superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation delegates to designated staff on site: a) the authority to determine when a particular roadway or parking lot located with a park should be temporarily closed to vehicles; and, b) the authority to notify the public of that closure via a sign or written or oral instructions.
- 7.2 Vehicles are not permitted on roadways or parking lots or other areas of Golden Gardens Park which are signed "closed," "no admittance," or "no trespassing."
- 7.3 The Superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation delegates to designated staff on site the authority to direct traffic within the park. Park users operating motor vehicles must obey the direction of Seattle Parks designated staff, other City of Seattle staff or duly authorized persons, regarding the movement of their motor vehicles and parking within the park.

Designated staff on site may permit the following vehicles to enter an otherwise closed roadway or parking lot: Parks department vehicles; other City of Seattle vehicles being used for City business; vehicles with valid disability/handicapped license plates or permits; public safety vehicles, emergency vehicles, , non-City vehicles being used for approved City business in the Park. Other vehicles may be authorized by the Department and may require additional written permission from other governmental agencies or organizations.